



VALDEZ PARKS & RECREATION

REDUCED FEE

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The City of Valdez Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services (PRCS) Department offers its Reduced Fee Youth Scholarship Program for income-qualified Valdez families in need. The goal of the Reduced Fee Youth Scholarship Program is to minimize financial barriers to give all eligible children (ages 0-18 years) the opportunity to experience recreation activities and programs. The Reduced Fee Youth Scholarship Program provides qualified participants with a discount on classes, activities and events offered through the Parks & Recreation Division for programs with fees \$15 and above, per participant, per activity. Scholarship requests must be submitted each session for each participant. Completing a scholarship application **does not** register or reserve an applicant's spot for the program. If you wish to register immediately to guarantee a spot, you will forfeit your scholarship application, and be ineligible to receive a scholarship. PRCS will not apply a scholarship after the fact and process a refund.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Anyone who demonstrates a financial need **and** who is a full-time permanent resident of Valdez.

Eligibility requires the recipient:

- Be in good standing with PRCS;
- Be a current resident of the City of Valdez, Alaska;
- Be currently enrolled in one of the government assistance programs listed or meet income eligibility guidelines.

Proof of residency must be in the form of a:

- Valid driver's license;
- Current car registration;
- Recent utility bill (*from the last 3 months*)

HOW TO APPLY?

Complete the attached scholarship application and include supporting documents, then return your application to the Woodman Recreation Center, located at 414 W. Hanagita Street. **Proof of residency and enrollment in an assistance program or income must be presented at the time of application.** A printed statement from the assistance program's website is preferred, if available. For a complete list of accepted government assistance programs, please reference the assistance programs list. Incomplete applications will not be accepted and returned to applicants for completion. **Please allow 7-10 business days for your scholarship application to process.**

If you do not qualify through the assistance programs or the income guidelines, please provide written information indicating the reason for making the request. Requests will be reviewed by the Recreation Division Manager and considered on a case-by-case basis. You may be asked to provide additional paperwork prior to receiving a decision regarding your scholarship application.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program | <input type="checkbox"/> SSDI – Social Security Disability Income |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WIC – Women, Infants and Children Program | <input type="checkbox"/> CCAP – Child Care Assistance Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ATAP – Alaska Temporary Assistance Program | <input type="checkbox"/> HAP – Alaska Heating Assistance Program [†] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid – DenaliCare and Denali KidCare | <input type="checkbox"/> Child/Parent of Foster Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SSI – Supplemental Security Income | |

To qualify based on an assistance program, recipients must show a recent letter or print off from the assistance program's website showing **current coverage of the assistance program for all individual participants seeking a scholarship.*

[†]HAP recipients may show a current letter from HAP or statement from energy provider showing current HAP assistance.

2021-22 ALASKA INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES*

The City of Valdez Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department follows the federal income guidelines for reduced price meals to determine scholarship eligibility based on income. Total gross income for your household can be up to 185% of the current year's Federal Poverty Level for Alaska.

# of Persons in Household	Monthly Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1	\$2,481	\$29,767
2	\$3,357	\$40,275
3	\$4,232	\$50,783
4	\$5,108	\$61,291
5	\$5,984	\$71,799
6	\$6,859	\$82,307
7	\$7,735	\$92,815
8	\$8,611	\$103,323
For each additional person, add	\$876	\$10,509

**To qualify based on income guidelines, please submit a copy of your most recent tax return (Form 1040) with your scholarship application form.*

AWARD & REGISTRATION

Completing a scholarship application **does not** register or reserve an applicant's spot for the program. If your scholarship application is approved, the parent/guardian listed on the application will be notified at the phone number listed on your application. Recipients will then need to register in-person or by phone for the program the scholarship has been awarded for.

If you choose not to use the scholarship for the requested activity, please notify Parks & Recreation as soon as possible. If the scholarship has not been used within 60 days, the awarded amount will be returned to the general scholarship fund. You may reapply for another scholarship.

LIMITATIONS

To ensure all those who are eligible are able to participate in recreation activities throughout the year, limitations on how much recipients can be awarded each year have been established.

- There is an annual award limit of \$2,500 for the Recreation Division. Applications will not be accepted or processed if this limit has been met.
- There is an annual award limit of \$160 per child, per calendar year.
- Applicants are responsible for any remaining fees above the annual award limit per child. Without full payment of the registration fees, the applicant(s) cannot register for the program(s).
- Scholarship awards cannot be combined with any other coupons or reduction of fees (i.e. 10% Rec Pass Discount) and will be based on the full amount of registration fees. Scholarship awards are non-transferable.

DEFINITIONS

Scholarship: Any type of financial aid used to offset or subsidize the cost(s) of parks and recreation participation.

Household: A household or family is defined as a group of related or unrelated individuals who are living as one economic unit.

Income: Income is the money received by any member of the household before such deductions as taxes and Social Security. It includes the following: salary or wages; earnings from self-employment, Social Security, pensions, retirement and disability payments, and other cash income received or withdrawn from any source which would be available for payment of a program.



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YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN

FULL NAME		GENDER (optional)	
DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS		PO BOX	
CITY/STATE		ZIP CODE	
EMAIL ADDRESS		PHONE	
MARITAL STATUS		PRIMARY PHONE	
SPOUSE'S NAME		DATE OF BIRTH	

CHILD #1

FULL NAME		GENDER (optional)	
DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	
PROGRAM(S)			
PROGRAM DATE(S)		PROGRAM FEE(S)	

CHILD #2

FULL NAME		GENDER (optional)	
DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	
PROGRAM(S)			
PROGRAM DATE(S)		PROGRAM FEE(S)	

CHILD #3

FULL NAME		GENDER (optional)	
DATE OF BIRTH		AGE	
PROGRAM(S)			
PROGRAM DATE(S)		PROGRAM FEE(S)	

Please explain any special circumstances you would like to be considered with your application:

VERIFICATION – Please attach to application

Income (select one) _____

- VCS Free/Reduce Lunch Letter
- Current Proof of Federal or State Assistance Program
- Most Recent Tax Return (Total Household Income)

AND Residency (select one) _____

- Valid Driver’s License
- Current Vehicle Registration
- Current Voter Registration
- Current Residential Lease

AND Identification _____

- State or Federal Government Issued ID

Please do not submit original documents, only copies. All supporting documents will be securely shredded immediately after an application is processed. It is not possible for us to save and return supporting documents.

I hereby certify the information on this application is accurate, complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application may be subject to further verification by PRCS and the City of Valdez if deemed necessary.

I, therefore, verify the information provided and, if necessary, will provide supporting documents. If the scholarship is approved, I agree to pay any remaining portion of the program fees above the annual award limit. I understand that without full payment of the program fees, the applicant(s) cannot register for the program(s).

Applicant Signature

Date

Applicant Name (please print)

STAFF USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Received By: _____

Documents: Proof of Income/Assistance Copy

Proof of Residency Copy

Proof of Identification Copy

Approved

Denied

Circumstances: _____

Date Processed: _____

Processed By: _____

Date Contacted: _____

Contacted By: _____

Date Award Expires: _____